CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-31.
- After this Response: Claims 1-31.

Canceled claims: none.

Amended claims: 1, 10, 17, 25, and 26.

New claims: none.

Claims:

1. **(AMENDED)** A program-module update system, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the system comprising:

a determination unit for determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module;

a source-redirection unit for specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determination unit.

2. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a list generator for providing a list of hardware-specific program modules, wherein the determination unit determines whether a module listed in such list is an updated module.

3. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a program-module copier for copying a hardware-specific program module from the specified source locus to a target locus.

4. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the source locus is on a non-removable storage medium.

5. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the source locus is on a removable storage medium.

6. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the source locus is on a storage medium remotely connected to the program-module update system via a network.

7. **(original)** A software installation application comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 1.

8. **(original)** An operating system update application comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 1.

9. **(riginal)** An operating system comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 1.

10. **(AMENDED)** A program-module update system, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the system comprising:

a source-redirection unit for specifying a source locus for a hardware-specific program module to be copied to a target locus;

a program-module copier for copying the program module from the specified source locus to the target locus.

11. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 10 further comprising a determination unit for determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module so that the source-redirection unit specifies a locus for modules determined to be an updated module by the determination unit.

12. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the source locus is on a non-removable storage medium.

13. **(original)** A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the source locus is on a removable storage medium.

14. (original) A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the source locus is on a storage medium remotely connected to the program-module update system via a network.

15. (original) A software installation application comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 10.

16. (original) An operating system comprising a program-module update system as recited in claim 10.

17. (AMENDED) A method of updating a program module, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the method comprising:

determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module;

specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining.

18. (original) A method as recited in claim 17 further comprising:

generating a list of hardware-specific program modules;

providing such list to the determining.

19. (original) A method as recited in claim 17 further comprising copying a hardware-specific program module from the source locus specified by the specifying to a target locus.

20. (original) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the source locus is on a non-removable storage medium.

21. (original) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the source locus is on a removable storage medium.

22. (original) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the source locus is on a storage medium remotely connected via a network.

23. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method as recited in claim 17.

24. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, perform a method of updating program modules, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the method comprising:

determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module; and

specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining.

25. (AMENDED) A modulated signal updating a program module, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the modulated signal generated in accordance with the following acts:

determining whether a hardware-specific program module is an updated program module; and

specifying a source locus for a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining.

26. (AMENDED) A method of updating a program module, a program module being a section of computer-executable instructions, the method comprising:

obtaining a list of program-module data structures, each data structure being associated with a hardware-specific program module and identifying a source locus where the associated module is stored;

examining such list;

determining whether a program module associated with a data structure is an updated program module; and

modifying the data structure associated with a program module determined to be an updated program module by the determining so that a new source locus is identified in the associated data structure.

27. **(original)** A method as recited in claim 26 further comprising copying a hardware-specific program module from the source locus identified in the data structure associated with the program module to a target locus.

28. **(original)** A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the source locus identified in a data structure associated with a program module is on a non-removable storage medium.

29. **(original)** A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the source locus identified in a data structure associated with a program module is on a removable storage medium.

30. **(original)** A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the source locus identified in a data structure associated with a program module is on a storage medium remotely connected via a network.

31. **(original)** A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method as recited in claim 26.